



# THIS IS WHERE THE WORLD ENDS

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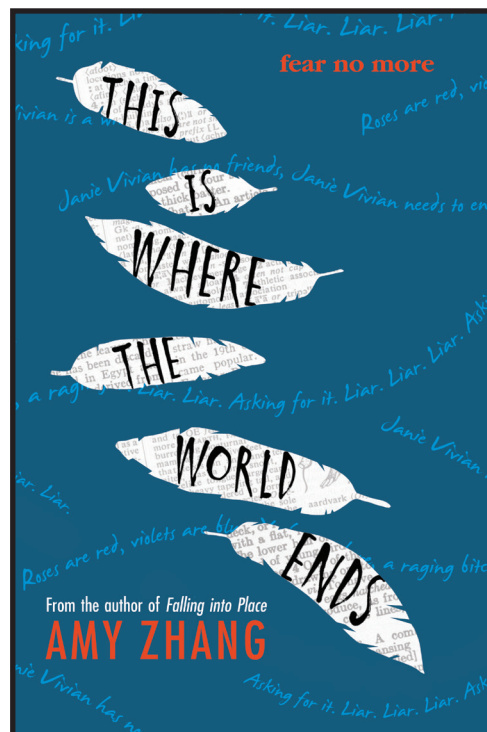
## ABOUT THE BOOK

*Forgetting was the easy part. Remembering is harder.*

A heart-wrenching novel about best friends on a collision course with the real world from Amy Zhang, the critically acclaimed author of *Falling into Place*.

Janie and Micah, Micah and Janie. That's how it's been ever since elementary school, when Janie Vivian moved next door. Janie says Micah is everything she is not. Where Micah is shy, Janie is outgoing. Where Micah loves music, Janie loves art. It's the perfect friendship—as long as no one finds out about it. But then Janie goes missing, and everything Micah thought he knew about his best friend is colored with doubt.

Using a nonlinear writing style and dual narrators, Amy Zhang masterfully reveals the circumstances surrounding Janie's disappearance in an astonishing second novel that will appeal to fans of Lauren Oliver and Jay Asher.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The novel begins with Micah writing “Everything ends. This is obvious. This is the easy part. This is what I believe in: the inevitable, the catastrophe, the apocalypse.” Why do you think the author chose to start the book with this sentiment? Do you think Micah still agrees with this statement by the end of story? Why or why not?
2. *This Is Where the World Ends* is told in two points of view and does not follow a traditional linear style. How did these choices impact the story? Have you read other books that are not written sequentially?
3. Why does Janie name the rock quarry the Metaphor? Why was the Metaphor so important to Janie and Micah? What role does that location have in their story? Have you ever had a special place that you shared with a friend?
4. Janie has a habit of writing Virginia Woolf quotes on rocks she carries around with her. What are some of the quotes mentioned in the book? Why do you think Janie does this? What do the rocks represent to Janie?
5. What type of relationship does Micah have with Dewey? Why does Dewey stay with Micah during his recovery? How does Dewey feel about Micah and Janie's friendship?
6. Janie is working on a school project throughout the novel. Describe the project. What role does it play in the story? What does the reader learn about Janie through this project?
7. Micah suffers from amnesia during the majority of the book. What's caused his amnesia? What occurs when Micah finally remembers what happened to Janie? Why do you think the author chose to give Micah amnesia? Do you think this was an effective storytelling tactic?
8. Describe Janie's relationship with Ander. How does it evolve throughout the course of the story? How does it change Janie?
9. Why do Janie and Micah keep their friendship a secret? Is this a choice they made together? How does this secret influence their friendships with others? How does it impact the investigation of Janie's disappearance?
10. The two friends often go on secret missions at night. What's the purpose of these trips? Who instigates them? What do these scenes tell the reader about Micah and Janie and their relationship?